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## 1. The State University located in Sofia has the following faculties, or "Institutes;"

- a. Chemistry;
- b. Physics;
- c. Mathematics;
- d. Agronomy;
- e. Natural Sciences;
- f. History and Geography;
- g. Slavic Philology;
- h. Latin Philology;
- i. English Philology; and
- j. Law.

With a law degree and upon completion of an additional special course, it is possible to enter a diplomatic career.

## 2. The Polytechnic School consists of the following faculties:

- a. Industrial Chemistry;
- b. Mechanical Engineering;

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- c. Electrical Engineering;
  - d. Civil Engineering;
  - e. Agricultural Engineering (zememerno);
  - f. Architecture; and
  - g. A new unidentified faculty is being planned.
3. The Medical Academy has the following faculties:
- a. Medicine;
  - b. Veterinary Sciences; and
  - c. Stomatology.
4. The Economic Sciences University has the following faculties:
- a. Accounting;
  - b. Industrial Economics;
  - c. Economic Planning; and
  - d. Other unspecified faculties.
5. The Conservatory is comprised of the following:
- a. A school of music; and
  - b. A musical academy composed of three branches
    - (1) Theory;
    - (2) Practice; and
    - (3) Composition and orchestra conducting.
- To enter the academy or the school of music, candidates must have a lyceum diploma. The degrees conferred by the various branches of the Conservatory are equivalent to the degrees offered by the other University faculties.
6. Other University institutes are as follows:
- a. Dramatic Arts School;
  - b. Fine Arts Academy; and
  - c. Advanced School of Physical Education.
7. The director of the Industrial Chemistry faculty is Sasdo Ivanov, professor of physics. Other professors in this faculty are as follows:
- a. Professor Chavdar Ivanov, organic chemistry;
  - b. Professor Cholarov, inorganic chemistry;
  - c. Professor Boris Zagorchev, chemical analysis;

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- d. Professor Asen Azmanov, inorganic technology;
- e. Professor Petko Likulinski, organic technology;
- f. Director Dimov, assistant to Professor Likulinski, teaches food technology (food conservation);
- g. Director Ivanov Chaba, teaches the technology of the composition of substances which have a high molecularity (resins, synthetic rubber, etc.);
- h. Professor Khristov, chemistry;
- i. Professor Mutaftchiev, physics;
- j. Professor Balevski, mechanical technology; and
- k. Professor Iliev, mechanical sciences.

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8. Each faculty annually draws its students in the following manner:

- a. Fifty percent from the "privileged" class; this category consists of gymnasium graduates who are Party members who have attended a two and one-half year preparatory course at the Junior College rather than the regular lyceum course; graduates of the Junior College, having only a summary education, are entitled to receive free tuition and a scholarship which amounts to 8,000 leva per month from the University; and
- b. Fifty percent from the regular lyceums; this category consists of students who are chosen by competitive examination; however, passing the examinations will not guarantee entrance to the University because the political or patriotic background (former partisans, service men, etc.) of the applicants is taken into consideration in making the appointments.

9. Tuition amounts to approximately 4,500 leva per year which is payable in two semester installments.

10. Courses at the University are very difficult and require the maximum attention of each student. The professors, who are well prepared professionally, insist on a maximum of efficiency from the students, particularly those who have been admitted through competitive examinations. Some allowances are made by professors for the "privileged" class for obvious reasons of expediency. Attendance at classes is obligatory and repeated absences without ample justification will usually result in expulsion from the university.

11. Examinations are given at the following times:

- a. First examination, in June each year;
- b. Second examination, in September each year; and
- c. Third examination, in February of the following year.

Students who do not take all the examinations at either of the regular terms (June or September) may enroll for the next higher academic year but must take the make-up examination in February or be dismissed from the University.

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12. Senior examinations should be taken no later than February, but students usually are allowed to complete the examinations in either June or September. As of 1952, the degrees given graduates will show only one grade which will be based on an average of the following three elements:
- a. Average of all grades received in all the examinations taken during the entire period of study at the school;
  - b. Grade given for the senior thesis; and
  - c. Grade given for the dissertation on the senior thesis.
13. All faculties of the University have a Party section with the membership of all the professors and a large part of the students. Almost all the students are members of the DSNM (Dimitrovski Sŭyuz na Narodnata Mladezh; Dimitrov Union of the People's Youth), a political organization which has as its purpose the training of the future Party cadre. The professors and students, finally, are enrolled in the ORPS (Obsht Rabotnicheski Profesionalen Sŭyuz; General Workers Professional Union), an organization which, in collaboration with the Party cadre of each university, is designed to find positions for the new graduates and to take care of the union interests of its members.

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